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### The Handicap

H, YOUTHFUL gays, if you would rise, your breath you'll never tarnish with pint or quart of any sort of good old coffin varnish. When you are dry you'll shun old rye, and round the hydrant frelic; there's naught in town will keep you down like flagons alcoholic. When trade is stale and merchants quail, the grocers and the drapers, the clerks who drink the old red ink first get their walking papers. When railways fire the men they hire, and tell them they must travel, the ones who stug the old brown jug are first to hit the gravel. When merchants say. "To raise the pay of clerks we have a notion," the even who use the dark red booze are last to get promotion. When there's demand throughout the land for hunky men and handy, employers say, "Oh, fade away," to those who smell of brandy. Where e'er he goes a million woes surround the chronic boort; the men who pay for work all say: "We want no pickled snearer." The lovely maid says, "I'm afraid," when drinkers come to court her; 50, youthful jays, improve your ways, and dodge the ale and porter. -WALT MASON. (Copyright by George M. Adams.)

## International Sanity

IMELY, trenchant truths, written in mildness and understanding, mark the letter by George W. Dethridge to The Herald, printed on this page today. His ten years experience entitle him to a respectful hearing. His manner of telling the story carries conviction. His experience is certainly not the experiance of many others, thousands of others; yet none can doubt that he has truthfully stated conditions within his own observation and experience, and as such, his contribution to the human documents of the revolutionary period is interesting and valuable.

It is beyond cavil that most of the feeling sometimes manifest between these neighbor peoples is due to misunderstanding of each others' character and purposes. Fear arises from suspicion, and suspicion often, though not always, arises from ignorance. Men instinctively fear certain beasts, from ignorance, not knowing that these same beasts fear men worse than men fear them. Any beast will strike back to protect its young or its private reserve. Continuing this thought on up through creation to mankind, it hardly needs emphasis that nations that understand each other do not fear each other, and seldom hate each other.

It all comes back at last, we contend, to a matter of language difference; though that idea connotes differences in mental processes, psychological processes, habits and customs, racial and national ideals. The worst failing Americans have, as a people, is a certain disposition to despise those who do not speak the English. Nothing else gives an American so wide a sweep of human and universal sympathy, nothing so surely corrects his disposition toward arrogant prowincishism, as command of several foreign languages. The principal reason for the success of those we call foreigners, in the world's trade and finance, as contrasted with the rather narrow territorial limitations of the usual American commercial activities, is the greater adaptability of the non-English speaking; peoples to conditions not within their control.

This applies in all social and diplomatic intercourse, as well as in trade. The average American cannot justly be called a "citizen of the world." With all the reason in the world to be proud of his own race, his own nation, his own land and its achievements in the world's progress, he has yet to learn that progress in all lands goes on in parallel lines with his own, like the rails of a track, all heading in the same direction, but never touching and seldom interjoining.

Differences there must be; competition there will be; cross purposes exist; while life lasts. It would be a dull old world, painted drab, and without a reheving high light or shadow, without any zest, without purpose, without reward, without stimulus to endeavor, without relief from deadly monotony, if all were alike and if perfect harmony and understanding existed. A large part of the fun of living is in the study of differences, and in useful and illuminating comparisons. As we live, we should also learn; change is life, fixation is death. But prejudice is worse than death-it is damnation.

While all these things are true, the hostility that comes from ignorance, the fear that comes from suspicion grounded in ignorance, are unworthy of civilized ? humans. Play the game. Consider the other fellow's side. If you can't play a game without getting angry, you are morally a weakling, and you are more dangerous to yourself than to others. This applies to the game of life and death, as well as to the game of checkers.

Americans and Mexicans have far less reason to be hostile toward each other, than they have to be hostile to certain elements within their respective countries whose purposes are evil, whose aim is destruction, whose sole actuating cause is selfishness that is not even enlightened selfishness but is wholly sordid,

The Herald cordially welcomes such communications as that from Mr. Dethridge, because The Herald knows them to be essentially true, progressive and constructive in spirit and purpose, and believes them to have a definite bearing upon the conserving of friendship and peace on this border.

Chauncey Depew, bon vivant, wit, lawyer, and statesman, celebrated his 80th birthday and made a speech in which he apologized for the psalmist limiting man's years, saying that sanitation, surgery, and other life saving ideas have changed all that so that now a man considers 70 the prime of big and plane work for 50 years more-70 being a good age at which to ripen onthusiasms and settle down in them. He said the greatest trouble about being 80 was in having so many people ask him how he does it, and then gave his recipes, a sense of humor and the ability to say no. Those are the best file savers he could commend.

George Bernard Shaw has excited a deal of discussion by making his heroine eay "bloody" in the middle of his new play. "Bloody" is a favorite English adjective; Sir Walter Besant called it the "universal" adjective, and it is not so had as it sounds for it means sporty and not covered with gore, just as "the young bloods about town" means the young sports about town. Kipling came right out honest with the word and familiarized Americans so completely with it that they accepted it as a part of the vocabulary of the streets and have no particular shock over it. But Shaw has very cleverly managed to fan up a beautiful advertising excitement over it by bringing it out suddenly in the middle of the play.

# What A Young Girl Can Do

THE RECORD of accomplishments of Miss Huntington, the young woman who married young Aster, besides the three r's she learned at boarding school and the wide horizon she has had the opportunity to acquire in her many round-the-world trips, she can swim, play tennis, sail a sloop, steer a

touring car, and pilot an aeroplane up in the clouds. Accomplishments change with every generation. Her mother probably managed the three r's, rode sidesaddle, essayed a little Chopin, and had some ac-

quaintance with the poets, and did lovely embroidery for her living. Her grandmother very likely went to the altar proud of thrifty housekeeping, could sing ballads sweetly and do fine sewing for her daily bread; while her | greatgrandmother took with her blushes to the church, the pride of many arts and crafts, spinning a long smooth thread, weaving a close straight web, dipping clear bright candles, making butter and cheese, baking bread that was fit to make men out of, knitting well fitting, thick, waterproof wraps against the winter colds, and preserving always a sober, reverent religious mind that never forgot the hereafter.

It is enthusiasm that makes language just as enthusiasm makes great generals, high bishops, and captains of industry, and has a part in every successful career except that of a merely beautiful woman. An enthusiastic baseball man or automobile driver or china collector or fisherman or electrician or inventor or lawyer will put new life into old words and drain deep meaning out of words and phrases to say their say, and language becomes virile, keen, and poetfe. It is only the dull drab people who use a few words or phrases until they are threadbare and frayed and every last bit of meaning drained from them.

Japan did not capture the United States so promptly as many people experted upon the spening of our war traubles with Mexico. The fact that Japan has seen fif to stay entirely outside of the dispute demonstrates not only that the Japs have ordinary common sense but that the United States does not look so easy to the world outside at it does to some timorous citizens of the land of the

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